# NOTIFICATION OF ADDENDUM ADDENDUM NO. 1 DATED 12/08/2009

Control	6194-43-001
Project	RMC - 619443001
Highway	US0082
County	LAMAR

#### Ladies/Gentlemen:

Attached please find an addendum on the above captioned project. Included in the attachment is an adendum notification which details the changes and the respective proposal pages which were added and/ or changed.

Except for new bid insert pages, it is unnecessary to return any of the pages attached.

Bid insert pages must be returned with the bid proposal submitted to the Department, unless your firm is submitting a bid using a computer print out. The computer print out must be changed to reflect the new bid item information.

Contractors and material suppliers, etc. who have previously been furnished informational proposals are not being furnished a copy of the addendum. If you have a subcontractor on the above project, please advise them of this addendum. Acknowledgment of this addendum is not requested if your company has been issued a proposal stamped "This Proposal Issued for Informational Purposes."

You are required to acknowledge receipt of this addendum on the Addendum Acknowledgement form contained in your bid proposal by placing a mark in the box next to the respective addendum.

Failure to Acknowledge receipt of this addendum in your bid proposal will result in your bid not being read.

SUBJECT: PLANS AND PROPOSAL ADDENDUMS PROJECT: RMC - 619443001 CONTROL: 6194-43-001 COUNTY: LAMAR LETTING: 12/16/2009 REFERENCE NO: 1208 PROPOSAL ADDENDUMS \_ PROPOSAL COVER BID INSERTS (SH. NO.: X GENERAL NOTES (SH. NO.: Mowers will not be allowed to cross the Trail de Paris walking track located at the interchange of Loop 286 \_ SPEC LIST (SH. NO.: \_ SPECIAL PROVISIONS: ADDED: DELETED: SPECIAL SPECIFICATIONS: ADDED: DELETED: X OTHER: and US 271 South, unless authorized by the Engineer. DESCRIPTION OF ABOVE CHANGES (INCLUDING PLANS SHEET CHANGES)

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### **GENERAL NOTES:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This project consists of mowing roadside vegetation on various highways in Lamar County as denoted on the location map.

Use batwing rotary mowers with deflection devices.

The Department will inspect equipment to ensure that all mowers are adjusted properly for the correct mowing height and meet all safety requirements prior to beginning mowing operations and at any time during the contract period.

Contact the project manager for any questions concerning locations of non-mow areas.

**TXDOT PROJECT SUPERVISOR:** All work on this contract will be scheduled and directed by the following person. Payment will be made on a monthly basis for work completed and accepted according to specifications. All payment requests should be directed to the same.

Lamar County Richard Harper, P.E., Interim Area Engineer 3600 S. W. Loop 286 Paris, TX 75460

Phone: (903)785-4468 Fax: (903)785-3396

**Contract Prosecution:** Each contract awarded by the Department stands on its own and, as such, is separate from other contracts. A Contractor awarded multiple contracts must be capable and sufficiently staffed to concurrently prosecute all contracts at the same time.

Anticipated start date for the first cycle will occur between May 15th and June 1st.

#### **ITEM 2: INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

**Article 2.5** - This project includes plan sheets that are not part of the bid proposal.

View plans on-line or download from the web at: <a href="http://www.dot.state.tx.us/business/plansonline/plansonline.htm">http://www.dot.state.tx.us/business/plansonline/plansonline.htm</a>

Order plans from any of the plan reproduction companies shown on the web at: <a href="http://www.txdot.gov/business/contractors\_consultants/repro\_companies.htm">http://www.txdot.gov/business/contractors\_consultants/repro\_companies.htm</a>

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### ITEM 3: AWARD AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

The Department will issue a written notice to begin a roadside mowing cycle. The notice will include the number of acres to be mowed, the number of working days allowed to complete the cycle, and the date when time charges for the cycle will start. The number of working days will be determined by dividing the total number of acres required for the cycle by the daily average rate to be mowed.

## **ITEM 5: CONTROL OF THE WORK**

Utilize a crew experienced in the work of mowing roadside vegetation.

## ITEM 7: LEGAL RELATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Repair damage caused by the Contractor's operations to the highway right of way, signs, fences, delineators, plant materials or any other appurtenances, part of or adjacent to the highway facility. Report such damages to the Department at the time of occurrence.

When damage is of the nature that the repair can be made by the Contractor, the Contractor is to, at his own expense, repair the damage to the Department's satisfaction. This would include straightening all signs, delineators, etc., knocked out of plumb.

When damage is of the nature that the repair must be made by the Department, such as damage to signals, school zone assemblies, etc., a detailed and accurate estimate of the Department's cost to repair the damage will be given to the Contractor in writing as soon as possible after the damage occurs, and a deduction for the estimated cost will be made from the payment estimate during the month in which the damage occurred. When actual repairs are completed and actual cost is determined an adjustment will be made, if necessary, during the monthly payment estimate in the month when repairs are completed by the Department. Repairs by the Department and settlement of actual cost will be done as soon as possible.

When damage is of the nature that a sign, delineator, mailbox post, or other Department property must be <u>replaced</u> by the Department, a deduction for the cost of replacement will be made from the payment estimate during the month in which the damage occurred. Replacement costs will be charged in accordance with the Replacement Cost Estimating Document prepared by the Traffic Operations Division, dated 9-2009, and included in the plans.

Replace damaged mailboxes, at the Contractor's expense, with ones of equal or better quality than the ones damaged.

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#### ITEM 8: PROSECUTION AND PROGRESS

Time will be computed according to Item 8.3.A.6 Other. Working days will be charged Monday through Friday, excluding national holidays, if weather or other conditions permit the performance of the principal unit of work underway, as determined by the Engineer, for a continuous period of at least 7 hr. between 7:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., unless otherwise shown in the Contract. The Contractor has the option of working on Saturdays or state holidays. Provide sufficient advance notice to the Engineer when scheduling work on Saturdays or state holidays. Work on Sundays and national holidays will not be permitted without written permission of the Engineer. If work requiring an Inspector to be present is performed on a Saturday, Sunday, or any holiday, and weather or other conditions permit the performance of work for 7 hr. between 7:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., a working day will be charged.

In reference to Item 8.3.B. Restricted Work Hours, mowing operations will not begin until thirty minutes after sunrise and will end thirty minutes before sunset.

Liquidated damages, as set forth in Special Provision 000-1493 will be assessed if work is not completed within the specified number of working days per cycle.

If the total number of working days is not used during the completion of a cycle, the working days will not be carried forward to a subsequent cycle.

# ITEM 502: BARRICADES, SIGNS, AND TRAFFICE HANDLING

All traffic control will be in accordance with the "2006 Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices". Traffic Control will be considered subsidiary to the various bid items. No more that one lane will be blocked at any time on any highway.

All workers working within the highway right of way will wear a reflectorized safety vest and a white safety helmet/hardhat.

Use only signs that are professionally built. Comply with the respective signs and portable sign supports as shown on the RS-TCP-05 sheet.

All flaggers will be certified.

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### **ITEM 730: ROADSIDE MOWING**

# Full-Width Mowing -

Adjust cutting height to seven inches (7").

Mow a minimum of 125 acres per day.

Remove all small woody plants around objects, including utility poles, with a machete or axe.

Hand trim all sloped areas that are 3:1 ratio or steeper.

Hand trimming will be cut to approximately four inches (4").

Mowers will not be allowed to cross the Trail de Paris walking track located at the interchange of Loop 286 and US 271 South, unless authorized by the Engineer.

Use of all-terrain vehicles (ATV's) is allowed for hand trimming.

Follow the Texas Traffic Law, Transportation Code (TRC 663.037) on all-terrain vehicles.

## **Spot Mowing –**

Work requests are made on a callout basis. The minimum quantity per callout is three acres.

A cycle of Spot Mowing is defined as one day's work for which one working day will be charged. Therefore, work must begin early enough in a day that the entire cycle, including all hand trimming and woody plant removal, will be completed within that one day. If a weather event prevents a full seven (7) hour work day, the day will be credited appropriately and the work must be done on the very next working day weather will permit.

Work must begin in the morning on one of the next two working days following notification.

The seven day grace period from time charges does not apply to Spot Mowing callouts.

Five working days are set up in this contract to cover Spot Mowing.